HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadahiro OHMI et al.

Serial No.: 09/023,416

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Examiner: J. Fox

For: FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 22, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2001 for one-month from May 2, 2001 to June 2, 2001.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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